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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NICKEL DIALOGUE

REF: OTTAWA 02364

1. REFTTEL REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT REGARDING
POSSIBLE MEETING IN OTTAWA, PROPOSED BY CANADIANS, TO
DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL NICKEL PROBLEMS AND THE POSSIBLE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CONSULTATIVE BODY. PLEASE PASS THE
FOLLOWING USG RESPONSE TO APPROPRIATE GOC OFFICIALS.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED POSSIBLE USEFULNESS OF PRODUCER/
CONSUMER CONSULTATIVE BODY FOR NICKEL. OUR PRELIMINARY
VIEW IS THAT THERE ARE NO COMPELLING REASONS FOR
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ESTABLISHING SUCH A BODY. IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER METALS,
THE AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS
IN THE NICKEL MARKET APPEARS AMPLE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO
ENVISAGE WHAT ACTIVITIES A PCF FOR NICKEL MIGHT USEFULLY
UNDERTAKE. THERE IS ALSO A RISK THAT SUCH A BODY WOULD BE
DRAWN INTO CONSIDERATION OF MARKET INTERVENTIONIST MEASURES
WHICH WE WOULD OPPOSE.

3. IF GOC DESIRES TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL NICKEL SITUATION,
WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH GOC IN OTTAWA. IN THAT

CASE, WE SUGGEST THAT DISCUSSION INCLUDE REVIEW OF
DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER KEY MINERALS SUCH AS COPPER AND
COBALT. OUR PARTICIPATION WOULD BE ON AN INTERAGENCY BASIS.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT ASAP
REGARDING CANADIAN POSITION AND ANY PROPOSED DATE(S) FOR
A MEETING. VANCE

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